

# MAYOR DENIES EVERY CHARGE OF THE JOURNAL

Answer Today Admits Only That He Is Topeka's Mayor.

Request That Case Be Set for Immediate Hearing.

## NASTY CHARGES BY THE STATE

Petition Alleges Knowledge of Police "Protection" Here.

Also Says Liquor and Cigaret Enforcements are Slack.

An answer in which he denies "each, all and singular the allegations and averments" contained in the counter petition filed in the Shawnee county district court last Saturday by Attorney General Hopkins was filed this afternoon by Mayor J. Corwine. The only allegation in the Hopkins petition which Corwine admits is true is the one to the effect that he is mayor of Topeka.

Along with the answer attorneys for Mayor Corwine filed a motion asking that the counter case be set down for immediate hearing. Although not formally decided upon it is expected that the hearing on the motion will be held before Judge James McClure Tuesday morning.

At the attorney general's office today it was stated that a suspension of Mayor Corwine pending hearing on the counter case probably will not be asked, especially in view of the fact that efforts are being made to bring about an early hearing. Immediate trial of the case will be satisfactory to the state. It was declared that the circumstances of the case and the actual trial will be merged into one final hearing on the date which will be agreed upon Tuesday morning.

Petition Filed Saturday.

The removal of Herbert J. Corwine as mayor of Topeka was requested in the petition filed last Saturday afternoon in the Shawnee county district court by Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general of Kansas. Hopkins charges that Corwine was aware of the alleged irregularities and lax enforcement of laws in Topeka and that he was familiar with the "protection" system which existed with respect to violators of the prohibitory liquor law, gambling laws and disorderly houses.

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Mayor Knows of Actions.

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# THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR KANSAS

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, preceded by showery extreme heat today tonight. Somewhat warmer Tuesday night and south portions.

## MAY RAIN AGAIN TONIGHT

Tuesday Will Be Clear and Sunshine, Flora States.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

7 o'clock... 64 11 o'clock... 76  
8 o'clock... 65 12 o'clock... 78  
9 o'clock... 66 1 o'clock... 80  
10 o'clock... 67 2 o'clock... 82

There is a chance for rain to fall in Topeka tonight, says Meteorologist Flora. A few more showers are due to fall in eastern Kansas but will be over with by Tuesday morning, says the weather man. Tuesday will be clear and sunny and the midsummer weather will continue. Topeka is promised another cool night to sleep. The temperature will range around the sixty-five degree mark tonight. The mercury will not exceed the 90 degree mark, Tuesday.

The highest temperature in Topeka during the last twenty-four hours was 82.

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## TCHITCHERIN HAS RESIGNED?

Hague Excited at Rumors of Soviet's Chief Diplomat Quitting.

The Hague, June 26.—A sensation was caused here today at the beginning of the real work of the international conference on reconstruction of Russia by a report that George Tchitcherine, people's commissar for foreign affairs, in the Moscow soviet government, has resigned. Tchitcherine has had complete charge of Soviet Russia's international dealings since the present Russian cabinet was formed and was an active leader of the Russian delegation at the Geneva conference.

Tchitcherine is in ill health and at present in Germany under the care of nerve specialists.

## RUMOR OF A GAS RAISE

High Cost of Motoring Takes Another Hike at Wichita.

Wichita, June 26.—The price of gasoline at Wichita, filling stations of the Sinclair Refining company was increased one cent a gallon today. The new price is 25.3 cents. Other independent companies here followed the Sinclair advance, which was said to be a general in territory competitive with Standard Oil of Indiana. Standard was selling at the old price here this afternoon.

Gasoline in all Topeka filling stations has been selling for 24.4 cents for the last thirty days. The price advance at Wichita will not affect the Topeka filling stations. The Standard Oil stations reported that there has been rumor of an advance but no definite announcement had been made.

## HAD THEIR 'CHEST PROTECTORS'

But Two "Going-to-be" Bandits Fought to Bribe a Maid.

Kansas City, Mo., June 26.—Bullet proof steel chest protectors for chest and back are not being worn this season as hot weather garments in this city. The protectors, which are carried in a small bag, were seen today being worn by two youths bucking on the armory today, she tipped off the police.

The youths, named Harvey Carlton, 23, and William Bryant, 25, both giving Atlanta, Ga., as their homes. The youths, according to the police, admitted that they were riding themselves for a robbery and said that after securing a motor car they had planned to hold up a freight train.

Both were being held for investigation.

## FIFTEEN OF 16 CREW ALIVE

Only One Life Believed Lost From Wrecked Schooner Puritan.

Hallifax, N. S., June 26.—Fifteen of the sixteen members of the crew of the wrecked Gloucester schooner Puritan have landed at LaHave, on the island, where the vessel was lost, according to word reaching here today. Christopher Johnson, of Gloucester, the one man unaccounted for, is believed to have lost his life when a dory capsized as the crew was leaving the Puritan.

## SERVICE FOR ROCKEFELLER

No Eulogy nor Music Mark Burial of Wealthy Capitalist.

North Tarrytown, N. Y., June 26.—A simple Episcopal church service, devoid of music and with no eulogy, marked the obsequies of William Rockefeller this afternoon.

John D. Rockefeller, brother of the deceased, and others prominent in finance and social life in New York attended.

Fifth Avenue hotel, 4-16-21. Daily Lunch, 814 Kansas avenue, 4-22-21.

Pool hall, Holiday street between Thorne and New Cady kitchen, 4-22-21.

Palace of Sweets, 4-19-21. Commercial cafe, Fifth and Holiday, 4-19-21.

C. S. Pope, 422 Kansas avenue, 4-18-21. C. S. Pope, 120 Kansas avenue, 4-18-21.

Brunswick, 4-14-21. Brunswick & Hoover, Tenth and Kansas, 4-18-21.

# STORM HITS CITY

Rain, Wind, Lightning in Severe Combination Here.

Second Longest Drouth on June Record Is Broken.

## DAMAGE BY RAIN, LIGHTNING

More Than 1,500 Telephone Poles Blown Down Here.

Trees Broken, Motor Cars Wrecked, Awnings Torn Off.

The drouth, which promised to be the longest on record in Topeka during the month of June, was broken late Sunday night, with a strong wind and electrical storm accompanied by a rain measuring .40 of an inch.

This was the first time since May 30 that Topeka received a rain sufficient to settle the dust. The total amount of rainfall for the month is .74 of an inch or only about 16 per cent of the normal rainfall. Unless more rain is received this will be the second driest June on record. In 1911 only .43 of an inch was received.

The storm was a result of thunder squalls, which are not at all uncommon at this time of the year, according to S. D. Flora, state meteorologist. The wind reached a velocity of fifty-two miles an hour at 3:06 o'clock Sunday night. This was the highest wind in Topeka for three years.

It stripped trees of their branches and littered the streets of the city with rubbish.

Several benefits were received from the rain, says Flora. It saved the corn under par for the Hillcrest course, H. R. Johnston, of St. Paul, Minnesota, state champion, also shot a 72. Dexter Cummings of Chicago, was next low with 74.

Surprises came early in the opening of the qualifying rounds. The first was a bad start by Davidson Harkon of Exmoor, Pittsburgh, who took six strokes to negotiate the first hole, which is a par 3. It will take 152, as the players figure, for the two days to qualify for the championship and a few such holes will put the national field on the first four holes, playing the most consistent golf, while Chick Evans of Chicago, western champion, was within a stroke of Bush.

A heavy downpour of rain during the night softened the Hillcrest course, making it possible for the better players entered in the tournament to control their shots and to make better scores in the qualifying round today than they could make yesterday when the earth was baked from weeks of hot sun and so fast and hard that it was almost impossible for the players to judge their strokes with any degree of accuracy.

The course now is in splendid condition and the weather ideal for the qualifying round.

The first pair came in off the course shortly after 11 o'clock when G. E. Martin of Swine Lake, Kansas City, made 87 for the first 18 holes of the qualifying round. W. P. Snooks of St. Joseph, Mo., who was paired with Martin, made the eighth in 39.

J. A. Kennedy, of Tulsa, Okla., Oklahoma state champion, shot the lowest score up to noon in the first day's play of the qualifying round when he turned in a 77, par for the course, shooting the first nine in 33 and the second in 38.

Other cards were: Clarence Wolf, St. Louis, 77; J. A. Kennedy, Tulsa, Okla., 77; R. E. Cockenamp, St. Louis, 77; Jack Hughes, Omaha, 78; T. B. Curran, Jr., Chicago, 78; Kenneth Edwards, Chicago, 72; Dudley Winnup, Tulsa, Okla., 82; D. C. Bothwell, Tulsa, Okla., 86; R. B. Martin, St. Paul, Minn., 82; W. C. Jackson, Chicago, 82; R. S. Dold, 82; J. M. Gilchrist, Chicago, 82; T. B. Cochran, Wichita Falls, Texas, 81; Dexter Cummings, Chicago, 74.

Short of Harvest Hands.

Wichita, Kan., June 26.—The shortage in harvest hands was reported here today when C. E. Hall, manager of the Kansas feed employment bureau, said he could have placed 1,500 men but had only 500 men in Wichita to send out.

Trees Block Streets.

The city street department was confronted with a large job this morning when it discovered that trees had been blown in many sections of the city. All employees of the department were ordered to clear the streets of trees. Two days will be necessary to complete the job. On Fourth street between Fourth and Fifth street a giant cottonwood tree is blocking the entire street. The alley between Madison and Monroe streets and Fourth avenue and Third street is also blocked by a tree. The crashing of a large cottonwood tree to the earth smashed an entire front porch of a residence on the 400 block on Third street.

His Dream Was Fatal.

Chicago Lumberman Tore Thru Hotel Window—Plunged to Death.

Chicago, June 26.—F. G. Owen, a wealthy stockholder of the John S. Owen Lumber company of Medford, Ore., plunged to his death from the fifth floor window of a hotel here early this morning.

His death is believed to have been caused by a nightmare, which made him smash thru the safety screen of the window.

Miss Fraser Is Head Nurse.

Former Parsons Red Cross Nurse Takes Up State Work.

Parsons, Kan., June 26.—Miss Mary Fraser, former Red Cross nurse here but who resigned when the town and county could not finance her work, has accepted the state superintendent of nurses under the state board of health. Miss Fraser's headquarters will be in the Kansas state hospital.

Miss Fraser saw overseas service.

Community Week Soon at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, June 26.—A program observing "community leadership week" will be held under the direction of the department of civic education at the State Normal here July 10 to 14 for the purpose of promoting a spirit of rural leadership among the students.

Some of the best youth tourers in the world will be open to the students.

# Tree Falls on Topeka House



View of fallen cottonwood tree resting on the porch of the residence of J. B. Higgins, 315 East Third street.

The above picture of a large cottonwood tree resting on the remains of the front porch of the residence of J. B. Higgins, at 315 East Third street, is typical of the results of the strong wind and electrical storm late Sunday night.

# YOUNGSTER A STAR AT K. C.

Chicago 17-Year-Old Turns in Low 72 in Western Tour.

Kansas City, Mo., June 26.—The sensational shooting of Ira Couch, 17-year-old of Chicago, featured the opening day of the western amateur golf tournament here today. Couch had a card of 72 for his 18 holes, five under par for the Hillcrest course.

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# PROBE THE DEATH

Eleven Bavarians Seized for Slaying of Rathenau.

Selection of Man To Fill the Post Is Worrying Germany.

## AFRAID KAISER COMING BACK

Royalist Uprising Is on Every Tongue in Berlin Now.

Friends of Wiedfeldt Start a Boomer for Him Today.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, June 26.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, the assassinated German foreign minister before consenting to enter the Wirth cabinet, demanded and received a written declaration from the government that it would fulfill the London reparations agreement of May 5, 1921, Charles P. Sherrill told the Associated Press today.

Mr. Sherrill, who was in Berlin at the time Rathenau was shot, said the foreign minister added that Dr. Rathenau said that if the agreement were not carried out he would resign and publish the government's undertaking.

Berlin, June 26.—Fifteen persons alleged to be members of a Bavarian secret organization known as the council, were arrested here yesterday. Police announced today. The police expressed the opinion that this organization was implicated in the murder of foreign minister last week.

London, June 26.—Apprehension exists in Holland lest former Kaiser William will attempt to slip away from Dorn and re-enter Germany in the event of a royalist rising following the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail at The Hague.

The writer, however, quotes J. B. Kan, secretary of the Dutch home office, as saying such apprehension is groundless. "We have no evidence," he said, "that the Kaiser is planning to return to the Netherlands."

Today, the selection of a man to fill the post of foreign minister made vacant by the assassination of Dr. Walter Rathenau, presents difficulties of some magnitude to Chancellor Wirth. This is not only because of the death of available men, but also for inner political reasons, as the question of the realignment of the coalition in one of the possibilities growing out of the present situation.

Parliamentary circles believe Chancellor Wirth will direct the foreign office until a man is found who cannot only meet the exacting demands of the post but who will also have the approval of the coalition parties.

The friends of Dr. Otto Ludwig Wiedfeldt, ambassador to the United States, have already suggested him as a suitable candidate, stressing his qualifications as an economist. They also believe his previous training in responsible civil service positions and experience abroad in quasi-diplomatic posts previous to going to Washington have given him the equipment necessary for the foreign office position.

Several of the London evening newspapers before the opening of today's Irish debate in the house of commons expressed the view that the resignation of Home Secretary Short might be the sequel to the debate, in which a number of searching questions were to be demanded.

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London, June 26.—Asked by Lord Robert Cecil in the house of commons this afternoon whether he could state the government's attitude towards the support of Germany to membership in the League of Nations, Prime Minister Lloyd George replied that Great Britain would support the group of states for Germany's admission.

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In answer to Lord Robert's question, the premier said:

"This is not a question which concerns Great Britain alone. It primarily concerns Germany. So far as his majesty's government is concerned, it would support a proposal to admit Germany to the league."

London, June 26.—A charge of wilful murder against James Connolly and John O'Brien was returned by the coroner's jury today following the inquest into the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson at his home last Thursday.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, June 26.—After the funeral of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, the government expected to face in parliament the storm of charges against the assassins of the field marshal.

The alleged failure of the government to protect Sir Henry and other men in public life is one of the charges the government opponents were to bring against the administration, back of this being the anger of thousands of the house toward the Irish policy.

Previous attempts to call the government to order on the latter count failed to produce the effect its opponents desired but the present attack is more menacing in that it is combined with censure on an issue which has deeply stirred the emotions of a great many of the members.

The disorderly conditions in Ireland and the prevalence of crime and violence there, which are regarded as being reflected in the Wilson tragedy, are sharply scored in some of this morning's editorials.

They had too much nitro.

So Four Men Were Arrested and Held by Wichita Police.

Wichita, June 26.—Four men, heavily armed and carrying nitroglycerine, were arrested in a seven-passenger automobile here today and held as suspects in the recent robbery of the McPherson Citizens' state bank.

Danforth to Farm Board?

Washington, Ill., Man Named in Letter to President Harding.

Washington, June 26.—The name of J. R. Danforth of Washington, Ill., was mentioned in a letter to President Harding today by the two senators from Illinois, for a place on the farm loan board.

Mr. Danforth is now president of the farm loan bank at St. Louis.

Ruth Gets Eighth Homer.

Boston, June 26.—Babe Ruth celebrated his return to the lineup after his five-day suspension by knocking his eighth home run of the season in the fifth inning of the game with the Red Sox. Two men were on base. Quinn was pitching.

# GORMAN TALKS BY RADIO

President of Rock Island To Send "Careful Crossing" Message.

J. E. Gorman, president of the Rock Island Lines, at 9:05 o'clock tonight, will radio a "Careful Crossing Campaign" message from Station K. Y. W. Chicago, endorsing the movement and presenting facts and figures sufficient to convince the drive is needed if the toll of deaths and injuries occurring to drivers and occupants of automobiles, drivers of teams and pedestrians is to be reduced.

Mr. Gorman will appeal to the general public for their co-operation in making the "Careful Crossing Campaign" a success, and since the message will be both interesting and instructive, those having radio sets along the line and elsewhere are urged to "tune in" and hear it. A. Lusk, local agent for the Rock Island, is making a special effort to have the local radio owners get the message.

This campaign was inaugurated June 1, by the section of the American Railway association, and will continue until September 1. All of the railroads in the United States, and of other organizations are co-operating in the movement. "Cross Carefully, Cautiously" is the campaign slogan.

# IN ANOTHER CRISIS

British Government Again on Trial in House of Lords.

Irish Army Divisions Caused Outrages in Belfast, Belief.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, June 26.—Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies, rising to make his promised statement on Irish affairs, in the house of commons this afternoon said the government desired the freest and fullest debate and the continuous efforts of parliament to break down the Ulster government and force Ulster back into the union.

Mr. Churchill declared he did not hesitate to say that all the horrors that had occurred in Belfast were due to the organization in that territory of two divisions of Irish republican army and the continuous efforts of parliament to break down the Ulster government and force Ulster back into the union.

Crisis Is Serious.

"The Imperial government," said Mr. Churchill, "is at the present time, which clearly shows that we were the wishes of the Irish people, we can not continue to tolerate the many grave lapses of the spirit of the treaty and the propriety and irregularities in its execution which we have put up with or acquiesced in during the last six months."

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